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Ralph O. Leach

Ralph O. Leach, 66, died Thursday morning, January 24th, after a sudden illness at his home on the Millers Falls Road at the Farms. He was born in Wendell, January 1st, 1880, the son of Osgood L. and Bessie (Eastman) Leach and came here with his parents to reside about fifty years ago. For more than 40 years, Mr. Leach has been engaged in the lumbering business and his interests extended about in various places in the county. At one time he was interested and served in the town's political affairs. He was a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons. Surviving beside his wife, are two sons, Kenneth, at home, and William of Millers Falls; three daughters, Mrs. Vincent Sullivan of Littleton, Mrs. Albert Rice of Northfield, and Miss Norma E. Leach of Washington, and 12 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at his late home on the Sunday following in the afternoon, with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves of the Congregational Church officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Town Topics

The OPA area office at Springfield was closed February 2 and business will be done at the office in Boston, 55 Tremont Street, where special applications having to do with sugar rationing should be sent.

Director Monroe Smith of the Youth Hostel while in Paris hopes to bring back Richard Schirrmann, the founder of hosteling, who was exiled by the Nazis back into a position of leadership in the movement. He may possibly induce him to revisit Northfield. The local hostel is named in his honor.

With the administrative offices of the Youth Hostel located in New York there have been several additions to the staff. Josiah Marvel has been named associate director; Charles Harris previously with the AYH has returned from the services and becomes director for New York

Hermon Gave Lives

From a record kept at Mount Hermon School, it is estimated that nearly 2,500 young men, students and alumni, participated in World War II and of this number 90 gave their lives in the supreme sacrifice, receiving awards from the purple heart to the medal of honor. There were 15 purple heart awards, three silver stars, one gold star, thirty air medals, one medal of valor, one soldiers medal, sixteen distinguished flying crosses, one British DFC and an RCAF DFC. Mount Hermon School can well be proud of its sons who trod its campus and filled its halls of learning. The record kept gives many interesting facts in the experiences of those in the service, the deeds of valor were many. Memory will ever keep in grateful remembrance the names of those who will not return. They lie under foreign soil.

Promoted to Captain

Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster has received word that her brother, Commander J. Arnold de Veer, who recently returned from Okinawa, has been promoted to the rank of captain, in the Navy Medical Corps and is now with his wife and family at East Williston, N. Y. His brother, Robert L. de Veer, former navy pilot, was discharged last month and is now with the Texas Oil Company in Bridgeport, Conn.

State; Dorothy Hickie becomes director for Connecticut and Donald Booth as New England Regional director. All are full time workers.

Gordon C. Buffum, who is vice-president of the county society of the Gideons, conducted a service at the East Deerfield YMCA on Sunday afternoon, January 27th. Assisting were other well-known speakers and a mixed quartette from the South Vernon Church provided the music. Bibles were given to be placed in the various rooms of the railroad men.

Mrs. Mary Holton, who is residing at the Bronson Inn, has recovered from her recent severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Phelan of Main Street spent several days in Boston last week with friends.

Home Is Menagerie

The Providence, R. I., Evening Bulletin of January 21 devotes space on two pages with illustrations to an article entitled "This man's home is no castle,—it's a menagerie." It's the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scanlon and their family of Rumford, R. I., all of whom are well known in Northfield as summer residents of Mountain Park. Mr. Scanlon is a collector of unusual animals and a lecturer upon their life, habits and values, including snakes of various kinds, alligators, armadillas, lizards, and others. They can all be handled as pets and the illustration shows Frankie, his daughter, charming the "indigo snake" and in another picture, entertaining the alligators. Yes, the house is full of such animals, yet mastered successfully. The expressman who delivers the ordered animals, evidently possesses some fear of them and is quoted as saying that when a box arrives for the Scanlon home, "he rings the bell twice, and runs like the devil." Press representatives who called at the home were delightfully entertained by the daughters, Frankie and Lee Marie, while their father introduced his menagerie. Should the family come to Northfield this summer and bring their collection of pets, they may afford the summer sojourners with a most entertaining and educational nature demonstration. Mrs. Scanlon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray.

Enlarge Vernon Home

At the recent meeting of the directors of the Vernon Home of the Advent Christian Church many needed improvements and an addition to the home were considered. It was decided to open a campaign for \$10,000, the amount needed. It is hoped to add several new rooms on the third floor, put in new heating equipment, a fire escape and an elevator. The improvements will increase the capacity of the home and enable the management to consider applicants in waiting. Subscriptions will be payable over a five-year period. The superintendent of the home at present is Rev. L. M. Spaulding.

P.T.A. Membership

The recently organized Northfield Chapter of the Parent-Teacher Association has an excellent schedule of programs dealing with educational subjects. Membership is open to all, and not just to Parents with children in school as some have supposed. Every one who is interested in the educational needs of our community is urged to join, or to attend any of the meetings.

At the March 11 meeting, the Massachusetts Western Electric Co. will present its program of modernizing the kitchen.

The children of our schools have been soliciting collections for the "March of dimes" for the Infantile Paralysis campaign.

Edgar Moore Passes

On January 28 at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., Edgar B. Moore died after a brief illness at the age of 78 years. He was a well-known and successful manufacturer, founder and president of the Penn Worsted Co. of Philadelphia, director, officer and owner of other corporations. He founded the Philadelphia Cancer Hospital which has developed into a large institution. With his wife and family he had frequently visited in Northfield and had resided here during the summer season for many years. He was active in religious work, of the Methodist Church, of the YMCA, the Epworth League and of the Masonic Order. He leaves his widow, the former Georgena Thomson, a son, Robert M. Moore, who has a summer home here in Mountain Park, three daughters, Miss Mary L. Moore, Mrs. Martha A. Moffitt and Dr. Virginia M. Drury. Also a brother, Rev. Frank W. Moore, a sister, Mrs. Alexander P. Dunbar, and eight grandchildren. Members of the family have many friends here, especially of the summer sojourners.

Amherst President

Dr. Charles Woolsey Cole, 39-year-old Professor of History at Columbia University, will be the next president of Amherst College.

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By Plane to Paris

Monroe Smith, National Director of the American Youth Hostels, with headquarters here, left New York Sunday, February 3, on the first commercial plane to leave for Europe since the war. The previous record for Army planes was 14½ hours for crossing. It was expected, however, that the "Constellation," a large flying boat, would cross in less than 12 hours.

Mr. Smith packed his suitcase with concentrated and dehydrated foods, cosmetics, cigarettes, and so forth. All his personal belongings he took on his person; the clothing he took he wore in order to keep his baggage within the prescribed limits. Mr. Smith went to attend a Youth Hostel Conference in Paris at which four nations will be represented — England, France, America, Holland.

Town Topics

Jack McRoberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McRoberts of Brooklyn, visited here recently and called upon several of his friends. He has received his discharge from the service, having been with the 9th Air Transport Command in several countries in Europe. He is a grandson of Mrs. William J. McRoberts and much of his boyhood was spent at her summer home here.

A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield Hotel and president of the State Hotel Association, was in attendance at the annual meeting of the American Hotel Association held in Detroit last week.

Town Topics

The public supper at the Congregational Church Thursday evening for the benefit of the transportation fund of the Barber district was well attended and all enjoyed the good things to eat.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 6th, Mrs. Charles E. Leach and Mrs. Thomas Parker, were hostesses at the home of Mrs. Leach in a social afternoon with games, knitting and refreshments for the benefit of the Unitarian Church fund.

The annual meeting of the Friendship Club of West Northfield was held recently and the following officers chosen: Mrs. Doris Bolton, president; Mrs. I. J. Lawrence, vice-president; Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, secretary treasurer. The club meets every other week at the home of a member and enjoys a social hour.

The Gift Shop of Mrs. Charles E. Leach on Main Street will be closed until April first. However, Mrs. Leach can be reached by phone at her home on Maple Street.

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